

Expressions

By MARK SAVOIE

Blair MacDonald! The team leader of the Fredericton Express. A man who is virtually worth the price of admission himself. This has all been said before, and it is certainly all well deserved. Actually, I can't see why he is here in Fredericton and not with the struggling Vancouver Canucks. Not that I'm complaining, since it is well known that there is no one around to pick up the slack if Blair were to be called up.

Nowhere is Blair's importance more apparent than when shorthanded. At this time he orchestrates the defence and prevents the opposition from getting a good shot as best he can. And when he gets possession of the puck the show begins. What he generally does is weave through the opposition until he reaches their blue line, and then carries the puck back to his own blue line before passing it off for it to be slapped down the length of the ice, all resulting in a tumult of applause and killing off precious seconds of the penalty.

Blair has put together 16 goals and 38 points in his 35 games this season, a pace which would give him 31 goals and 74 points, only nine points behind the team record set by Richard David last year. These stats are not up to his level of 46 goals, 94 points with the Oilers back in 79-80, but his true value to the Express is measured in terms of his leadership and his puck handling. These are what make him the nucleus of the Fredericton Express roster and are why I feel that he would be a definite asset to a team like the slumping Vancouver Canucks.

Intramurals

Co-Ed Broomball

Co-Ed Broomball may be one of the most popular ice activities this year. Why not try it and find out for yourself? Much interest was expressed in this activity last year, but due to a scheduling problem it could not get off the ground. This year, things should prove differently as there will be a Co-Ed Broomball Tournament held on Sunday evening, January 30, from 5:45 to 9:15 p.m. All you have to do is get a group of enthusiastic guys and gals together, pick up an information sheet at the Intramural Office and you're on your way to having the time of your life. All equipment will be provided except for footwear. Sponge soled shoes are the best. Co-Ed Competitive Volleyball League

You all will be happy to know that the deadline for the Co-Ed competitive volleyball league will be postponed until Monday, January 24th, 1983. All entries must be submitted to the Recreation Office between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Information kits are available to be picked up at the Recreation Office.

Noon Hour Fitness

In an effort to accommodate all levels of fitness a second Dance Exercise Class has been added to the Noon Hour Fitness Program. An Introductory Class will be held in the Dance Studio on Mon, Wed., and Fri., from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Interested individuals may register in the Recreation Office.

Winter Badminton Tournaments

Start those birds flying. The Men's and Women's Intramural Winter Badminton Tournament will be held on Monday, Jan. 24. Sign up in the Recreation Office before Monday.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Intramural Basketball league will begin play on Monday January 24. All Team managers are reminded to pick up a copy of the schedule in the Recreation Office.

Bears victorious

By RICK TACHE

Last week the UNB Black Bears treated their supporters to quality entertainment. In the three dual meets in which they participated the team accumulated a total of eleven pinned opponents.

On Wednesday the Bears travelled to Mount Allison University to soundly trounce them 36 to 6. On Friday they defeated Saint Francis Xavier University 39-24. Followed Saturday by a solid victory over Dalhousie University 33 to 14.

Leading the way was team captain Denis Mahoney who pinned every opponent he faced. One of the four occurred as early as the 2.57 mark of the first round. Michel Sharpe aided the cause by winning all

The University of New Brunswick Reds finished this weekend in first place after defeating Memorial University Thursday and Friday. Coach Sonny Phillips was very concerned about the matches and stressed the importance of winning both. "MUN (Memorial University of Newfoundland) is probably the best team that we will see this year in the AUAA league. They are young and have been playing together for the past two years." Phillips also stressed that MUN would probably be the team the Reds would be seen with in the Atlantic University finals in Moncton late in February.

The matches originally were scheduled to be played Friday and Saturday, but due to a change in plans (many of Memorial's players also play for the Newfoundland winter games team and had a tournament in Montreal) the matches were re-scheduled to Thursday and Friday at 2:00 p.m. Thursday's matches started as a rout, the reds came out strong and dominated Memorial in every aspect. Within five minutes the Reds had jumped to a commanding 10-1 lead and sailed to a 15-3 win. This would demoralize most teams, but Bill Thistle's team has a lot of character and bounced back winning 15-12 to even the match one game each. The Reds picked up where they left off in the first game and went on to win the best of five match 3 to 1. (15-9) (15-8).

It was probably one of the most entertaining matches played at the main gym in several years. The Reds defense was outstanding and surprised many fans. Even though the Reds were victorious the coaching staff were

three of his matches; he managed to pin two of three challengers. Also, Dave Bessey defeated three of the four opponents he fought; pinning two of them. Rick Parker collected a satisfying victory by pinning last year's AUAA gold medal winner.

Coach Born was pleased with the performance of the team and felt that the rookies had begun to live up to the Black Bear's expectations by performing well this weekend. He liked the teams spirit, enthusiasm, and desire to excel.

The Black Bears are off to a very successful start and from last week's performance have a very real chance in succeeding in their quest for a sixth straight AUAA championship title.

Reds stun MUN

disappointed about key aspects of the Reds play. Friday's match turned out to be a coaches nightmare to start off, but ended up being a very impressive victory for the first place Reds. "It seemed as if they had never played together," coach Phillips exclaimed as the Beethunks jumped to a 6-0 lead in the first game. Then, everything changed. MUN was leading 7-2 before the Reds came back and held to 15-7. The Reds went on to 15-6 and 15-4 victories

defeating Memorial 3-0 moving the Reds into first place with a 7-1 record with 6 matches remaining against Mt. A., Université de Moncton and St. F.X.

Due to the Reds outstanding performance at the Ottawa University tournament and their fine showing against Memorial University they are now ranked tenth in the CIAU's.

This upcoming weekend the Reds are off to the Dal classic in Halifax

Heart Marathon

This April will be no different from the previous four! On Sunday, April 10th hundreds of runners from eastern Canada and the United States will gather on the Green (Queen Street) in keen anticipation of their run in the 5th Annual N.B. Heart Marathon.

The Marathon began four years ago when two physical education students (Doug Davidson and Garth Cochrane) and "Sam The Wonder Dog" ran out to Mactaquac (18 miles), got sponsors and donated the money to the Heart Foundation to aid in heart research. The following year, with the full support of the Heart Foundation, these two industrious students undertook the organization of the First Annual N.B. Heart Marathon, a project which counted towards Doug's fourth year recreation practicum.

With the success of the first Marathon in 1979, the event has become a rather unique and exciting sporting event in Fredericton each spring. The second and third Heart Marathons were also undertaken by fourth-year phys-ed (recreation) students, counting as their practicums. The fourth and fifth, however, have been organized by interested students and/or runners who chose to keep the Marathon going rather than not see it run at all.

There are several changes this year which are worth noting. They will all be explained in future articles but there is one worth mentioning now. This year runners will no longer be travelling the hilly and windy Fredericton-Mactaquac-Fredericton route. Cited as being one of the toughest marathon routes in North America, it was felt that many potential marathons would be discouraged by it. This April runners will proceed from Queen Street to Oromocto and back, along the relatively flat Lincoln Road. Hopefully this will encourage a lot more runners to enter in the 26.2 mile event.

There are a number of other changes but you'll have to catch them in next week's article. In the meantime, Keep on Running, and if there are any questions or comments be sure to call the Runner's Line at 455-6598.

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